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Strike Orders Issued; 600,000 Miners Will Quit Work March 31

Suspension of Work by All Coal Miners Set for Midnight on March 31—Hard and Soft Fields to Walk Out Same Time. Six Hundred Thousand Men Will be Directly Affected by the Order.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Suspension of work by all union coal miners at midnight March 31, was ordered today by officials of the United Mine Workers of America the call being the first ever issued for both bituminous and anthracite workers to walk out simultaneously. Six hundred thousand men will be affected by the order it was estimated officially. The suspension, the order provides, will continue until stopped by union officials.

The order, which was sent to the 3,000 local unions, directed the miners to give their operators their fullest co-operation in the protection of mine property and counselled against violence and violation of the law. In addition to affecting all union miners in the United States the order directed approximately 6,500 men in western Canada to join in the walkout but did not apply to 14,000 miners in Nova Scotia.

Never before in the history of the coal industry has a suspension or strike order called for cessation of work of all union miners in the United States. In the past, wage contracts in the bituminous and anthracite fields have not expired at the same time but a complete tie up in union fields was considered during the great anthracite strike in 1902. A sympathetic strike by the bituminous miners at that time was rejected by the union's convention, it being argued that the soft coal workers were bound by a contract.

The issuance of the call came with the recent strike vote of soft coal miners not completely tabulated but it was said officially, that the work on the unions' board of tellers had progressed to such a point as to show every field voting overwhelmingly in favor of a suspension. Indications were that nine-tenths of the miners favored the walkout.

Cessions of the suspension, in whole or in part is left to the union's policy committee, composed of more than 100 union officials which will meet in Cleveland Friday to consider plans for conducting the strike. Outstanding among the questions to be considered by the committee is that of negotiating single wage settlements.

A division within the committee on this question seems certain with indications that a majority will oppose the single state proposition. The suspension which said blame for the walkout in the soft coal fields rested with the operators for refusing to negotiate a new contract with the union and with the failure to reach a new agreement with the hard coal operators, was mailed by officers employees at the headquarters here in the absence of officials. The procedure however, had previously been arranged by officials and the release of the call which was dated yesterday was directed by officers who are in New York meeting with anthracite operators.

William Green, secretary treasurer of the union, made the text public upon his arrival here from Coscocton, O., where he had been the last few days. He declined to make any comment, saying the order was self-explanatory.

The union's membership, excluding that in Nova Scotia, which will not be affected by the strike is about 500,000 men. Of these approximately 75,000 are in the three anthracite districts of Pennsylvania and the remainder scattered over the soft coal fields. Past suspensions in the anthracite fields, however, have practically closed all operations, leading to the official estimate that almost 600,000 men will be called out of the mines.

The order was not sent into Nova Scotia because the miners there were said to be working under arrangements made some time ago when a contract expired and it was said that the injection of the strike order might complicate the situation as to making of any future agreements impossible.

The miners' attitude in calling the suspension was set forth fully in the call which also related the authority under which the officials acted in issuing it.

A CANTON FIRE.
Canton, Miss., Mar. 17.—Fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the ice plant of the Canton Ice Company here today with an estimated loss of \$100,000. The plant was partially insured.

FIGHTING PARSON IS NEW LEGION CHAPLAIN



Rev. Earl A. Blackman of Kansas, newly elected chaplain of the National American Legion earned his title of "Fighting Parson" when he offered to do battle with any A. E. F. sky-pilot in France and received no acceptance. Now he holds dances in his church in Kansas, teaches pugilism to Sunday School pupils and says Blue Laws are bunk.

ALL U. S. TROOPS WILL QUIT GERMANY JULY 1

Secretary Weeks Orders Withdrawal of Force.

Washington, March 20.—All American troops will be out of Germany by July 1, under orders issued by Secretary Weeks, today by direction of President Harding. About 2,000 officers and men are directly affected, as the remainder of Maj.-Gen. Allen's command in the Coblenz bridgehead zone on the Rhine already were under home orders.

The announcement of the decision for complete American evacuation of occupied territory in Germany was made by Secretary Weeks as his first act on return to the War Department from a three weeks' vacation in Florida. He indicated that the step was ordered in compliance with the policy previously announced of withdrawing the Rhine forces as quickly as possible. It had no relation, he said, to the wrangle in Congress over further reduction of the size of the army, nor did it result from the correspondence between the State Department and the allied commissioners over the American demand for a share in German reparations payments on account of the maintenance of troops in Germany.

The original order of the president, it was pointed out, directed that all troops on the Rhine with the exception of not more than the single infantry regiment and artillery and other auxiliary detachment be brought home in army transports as rapidly as possible. The movement is now in progress, and the work of the two transports running in the service will be continued under today's instructions. Mr. Weeks said, until the remaining troops also have been returned, which will be before July 1.

ARBUCKLE—JAMES

COFFEYVILLE, Miss., March 18.—Mr. Buster Arbuckle and Miss Mareleith James, prominent young people of the Tillatoba neighborhood, were married here Saturday afternoon at the Methodist Parsonage in the presence of a few friends. Rev. W. F. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist Church, performed the ceremony.

Harvester Trust Girl, 16, Engaged To Wed Man of 48



Matilde McCormick, 16-year-old daughter of Harold McCormick, chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Harvester Company, and grand-daughter of John D. Rockefeller, the oil king, is engaged to a Swiss riding master, 48 years old, who taught her to ride. The young girl, who is quite big for her age as shown in the picture, made a special trip from Europe to gain her father and mother's consent, which both have given. The mother was recently granted divorce in a Chicago court. Matilde was sent to Europe for her health when she was quite young. The insert is of the father, Harold McCormick.

CLEVER HOME TALENT TO PRESENT PLAY

The Parent-Teachers Association Will Present a Play at The Whyte Theatre on Friday Night, March 31.

Did you ever hear a simple statement told and retold until the final story had no resemblance whatsoever to the original? That's what you will see in "The Story of How It Grew," a little piece of gossip grows to enormous proportions. Every town has them, we have them in Water Valley, these "don't tell" gossipers.

Below is a list of those who have won championship in Water Valley for they can not only repeat and exaggerate, but actually have inventive powers:

Mrs. G. W. Sisler Mrs. Guy Dean
Mrs. H. W. Clowe, Mrs. Vanderberg
Mrs. J. M. Colson Mrs. Thad Trusty
Mrs. George Brown

Following the play will be a burlesque "Better Babies Contest." The P. T. A. considers itself very fortunate in having secured to conduct this contest the celebrated eye and ear specialists Dr. O. B. Careful and Mrs. O. B. Careful (Dr. and Mrs. Sisler) and the well known nose and throat specialists Dr. I. C. Tonsils assisted by Miss Addie Noids, trained nurse, (Dr. and Mrs. Brown).

These four will examine the following children under the supervision of Rev. B. A. Goodfellow:

The Model Son—"Shot Jr." Dr. P. L. Berry.
Rosie and Josie Deo Dads—J. S. Whitehead, G. D. Dean.
Pecks Bad Boy—Mr. Bill Carter.
Little Willie Tongue Tie—Mr. Tom Eldridge.

Other contestants are Snookums, the Heavenly Twins, Giggly Jennie and Knocked Knee Johnnie. The contest is still open to those who wish to enter. Please notify Mrs. O. J. Davis, President of the P. T. Association.

Blue ribbons will be awarded for the prettiest and the ugliest the heaviest and the featherweight.

Don't fail to see this home talent comedy.

Music by Henry's band and the "S" Trio.

Admission 35 and 50 cents.

CITY HIGH SCHOOL APPROVED BY STATE BOARD

Dr. Cox received the following letter this week which is self explanatory:

Dr. S. L. Cox,
Water Valley, Miss.

Dear Sir:
At the regular meeting on February 25th the state accrediting Commission passed upon the application of your school for the state accredited list and it has been approved for the year 1922.

The commission advised that it notes with pleasure the improved condition of your high school over last session.

There should be included in your budget for next session not less than \$200.00 for further development of your laboratory and \$100.00 for your library.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) H. M. IVY,
Chairman of Commission

SHOOTS GIRL WIFE THEN ENDS OWN LIFE

Claud E. Churchill Probably Fatally Wounds Bride.

OXFORD, Miss., March 21.—Claud E. Churchill, 28, shot and probably fatally wounded his wife at 1 o'clock this afternoon, then turned the pistol on himself and fired two shots, one of which passed through his heart.

The shooting occurred at the home of W. F. Ivy on South street. Churchill was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ivy, having married their daughter last fall. Churchill and his wife had been away from Oxford for several months. He had been out of employment for some time, and about a week ago he and his wife returned to Oxford to visit Mrs. Churchill's parents. Claud Churchill had a widowed mother living at Hickory Flat, Miss., his former home.

The shooting caused much excitement in the neighborhood of the Ivy home, and the yard and house were soon crowded with people. No cause for Churchill's act is known by friends of the family.

Mrs. Churchill is yet in her teens. She was shot in the forehead. She was at once removed to a local hospital, where she received medical attention. It is said that she has a chance for recovery.

Mr. Ivy is a local merchant and is an old citizen of Oxford. The family has many friends here.

CARL BLACKWELL CASE CONTINUED—REALSED UNDER \$2,500 BOND

The Carl Blackwell case was continued upon motion of the state, Tuesday, in circuit court at Oxford. A motion was then made to release the young man under bond, which was granted by the court who fixed the amount of the bond at \$2,500 which was readily made and the young man was released from custody.

Uncle John's Josh

MANY A HOME IS WHERE THE AUTO HAPPENS TO BE.



Williams of Noxubee Pleads For His Moonshine; Declares His People Need The Money

Defended "Moonshining" on the Floor of House—Said "It Was Already Hard Enough to Get Liquor" Without Adding Any Further Restrictions. Member Declared Himself Best Judge of Moonshine Liquor in the State.

IRISH STRONG MAN



Michael Collins, the great Irish leader, who is leading the fight for the agreement with Britain. He will probably be the first premier of free land.

LITTLE HOPE FOR AVERTING A STRIKE

Operators Refuse to Go Into Conference with Miners on Wage Demands.

WASHINGTON D. C.—Very little hope for the averting of a strike in the unionized bituminous coal fields on April 1 was held out today in those official circles which are most concerned with the repeated government attempts to bring about an adjustment of wage agreements. The mine owners, it was declared, were continuing in their refusal to enter conferences with the United Mine Workers looking to the creation of a new wage contract for the central competitive field, notwithstanding representations made to them by Secretary of Labor Davis, who held that existing contracts require them to at least enter negotiations regarding whether such negotiations are carried to completion.

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YALOBUSHA CIRCUIT COURT DATES CHANGED BY STATUTES

The State Legislature has just passed a bill changing the time of meeting of the circuit courts of Yalobussha county. The courts heretofore have met on the first Monday in January and the first Monday in July, and in the second district at Water Valley on the first Monday of January and the first Monday of June. Under the change courts will meet in the first district at Coffeeville on the second Mondays of January and July and in the second district at Water Valley on the fourth Mondays of January and July. The changes were made so that there would be no conflicts between the terms of the circuit courts and the meetings of the board of supervisors.

MACON, Miss., March 21.—Considering with great seriousness the remarks of representative Williams in the Mississippi house on Saturday when he declared "It's already hard enough to get liquor" a number of citizens of Noxubee county have drafted a petition of protest against his stand in the house.

The discussion came up when the representative moved the indefinite postponement of a bill making the possession of a still a felony.

Mr. Williams of Neshoba, chairman of the committee on liquor traffic, interposed:

"When I called up this bill I knew somebody was going to be hit."

"Sure, I am," said his colleague from Noxubee. "It's already hard enough to get liquor."

Taking the floor on his motion to indefinitely postpone, Mr. Williams made the first defense of moonshine liquor that has probably ever been offered in a legislative body.

"We're going too darned far with this prohibition business," he said. "Every man ought to have some rights but it's got so mighty few are left us. 'If there is a man on the floor of this house who doesn't like a drink of whisky occasionally I'd like to see the color of his eye.'"

Five or six members arose and made protest, whereupon Mr. Williams expressed doubts as to whether they are redblooded American citizens.

Asked by Mr. Hilzlm if he has had any experience in the making of moonshine liquor, Mr. Williams retorted:

"Yes, I know how it is did, and I'm also the best judge of moonshine liquor in this state; I am an expert on the subject."

The speaker then proceeded to give a graphic description of just how a first-class moonshine still, equipped with a copper worm, and using distilled water, is operated.

"But I've got no use for that stuff they make in hard cans, using muddy water and concentrated lye," said Mr. Williams. "We ought to discourage that form of traffic."

"What is your real objection to this bill?" asked Mr. Curry of Hinds.

"I oppose it because it interferes with the rights of some of my constituents—their right to make a living. Gentlemen, there are thousands of little farmers in this state, living on five, 10 and 20-acre tracts, who can barely earn a living today, and if they are to be denied the privilege of converting what corn they raise into moonshine, and marketing it with some profit, then they won't be able to pay their taxes."

"Who is running your still while you're down here at the Legislature?" asked Mr. Curry of Hinds.

"I turned it over to your brother-in-law who is a near neighbor of mine," retorted Mr. Williams.

The member from Noxubee had the tide of sentiment running rapidly against the bill when some of the prohibition members brought Senator Daniel, author of the measure, over from the Senate chamber and asked that he be given the courtesies of the floor to defend it.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Fidelis class of the Baptist Sunday School entertained the Baraca class last Friday evening, St. Patrick's Day, and the event was a most joyous occasion.

The entertainment was held in the Baraca Hall of the Baptist Church at 8 p. m.

The decorations were very appropriate, consisting of shamrocks, evergreens, harps, pipes, snakes and other dainty decorations in green and white.

Entertainment was made up on music, in the form of solos, a duet and a sextette, accompanied by Miss Anna Kate Carr at the piano, and of the biography of Saint Patrick by Mrs. W. F. Blaker, together with some of the legends concerning his work by Miss Lottie Brown.

Punch was served on arrival of guests and later in the evening they were served with green ice cream and cakes with the shamrock decoration.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our deep appreciation for the kind deeds and assistance rendered by the neighbors and friends during the illness and death of our beloved one. May God bless you all, is our prayer.

E. L. GREEN
W. J. DONALDSON